

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE PROCLAMATION NO. 2

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A PROCLAMATION

COMMENDING ARCO, IDAHO, IN ITS CENTENNIAL YEAR.

We, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, do hereby proclaim:

WHEREAS, the City of Arco, nestled at the foot of the Lost River Mountain Range and the edge of the Snake River Plain, and the county seat of Butte County, will be celebrating its 100th birthday on July 3, 4 and 5, 2009, having been incorporated in 1909; and

WHEREAS, the culture and economy of Arco are largely based on farming, ranching and tourism, being the gateway to Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve, a vast ocean of lava flows, roughly the size of Rhode Island, with scattered islands of cinder cones and sagebrush; and

WHEREAS, many recreational opportunities abound in proximity to Arco such as fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, hang gliding, cross-country skiing and camping; and

WHEREAS, being only twenty miles from the Idaho National Laboratory, which since 1949 has fulfilled a leadership role and made key contributions in nuclear energy research, development, demonstration and deployment at the direction of the United States government, the City of Arco is also closely tied to the nuclear industry. Arco was the first city in the world to be lit by atomic power on July 17th, 1955, lighting the city for approximately two hours, with the electricity being generated by the Boiling Water Reactor III. The city now celebrates the event annually on the weekend closest to the anniversary date with "Atomic Days"; and

WHEREAS, many activities for all ages are planned for Arco's centennial, including a parade, cook-off, car show, horseshoe competition, and a community breakfast along with the annual Arco Volunteer Fire Department fireworks; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the members of the House of Representatives assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, that we congratulate the residents of Arco and commend Arco on its upcoming centennial celebration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and she is hereby authorized to send a copy of this Proclamation to the mayor and city council members of the City of Arco.